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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1884.

Annual meeting held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 8 P.M.
Chief-Justice DALY, in the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following candidates, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Wm. A. Taltavall, Augustus Kountze, B. Neumorgen, Howland Davis, J. Spencer Turner, Wm. D. Wheelwright, Joseph C. Wolcott, Geo. W. Van Siclen.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, was read, showing a cash balance for the general fund of \$248.02, and an amount to the credit of the permanent fund of \$16,539.12.

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The annual report of the Council was then presented and read, as follows :

Annual report of the American Geographical Society for 1883 :

New York, January 7, 1884. Since the last annual report, six regular meetings of the Society, and eight stated and four special meetings of the Council have been held.

At the annual meeting, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, 1883, Daniel C. Gilman, LL.D, President of Johns Hopkins University, gave an address on "The North American Continent, Four Centuries of Discovery."

On February 15th, Commandant A. Aylward, late of the staff of Gen. Joubert, Commander of the Boers, in the war between the Transvaal Republic and the English, delivered a lecture entitled : "Dutch South Africa."

On March 20th, Dr. Samuel Kneeland read a paper entitled : "The Philippine Islands, their History, People, and Earthquake Phenomena."

On April 16th, In Memoriam—Peter Cooper. Addresses by Judge Daly, Gen. Egbert L. Viele, and Hon. Richard O'Gorman ; and Lieut.-Gen. C. P. Stone, late Chief of Staff of the Egyptian Army, delivered a lecture entitled : "The Political Geography of Egypt."

On Nov. 20th, Mr. George Kennan read a paper entitled "A Journey through Southeastern Russia."

On Dec. 17th, Mr. Alfred Conkling read a paper entitled "Mexico, Her Physical Geography and Resources."

All of the lectures, but two, were illustrated with stereopticon views.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, shows a cash balance for the general fund of \$248.02, and an amount of \$16,539.12 to the credit of the permanent fund.

One hundred and twenty-three Fellows have been elected, all of whom qualified. Eighteen Fellows became Life Fellows by the payment of \$100 each.

The publications of the Society have been regularly distributed to its Fellows and correspondents.

The additions to the Library and Map-Room amount to 985. Of these 388 are books, 508 pamphlets, 72 maps, and 17 atlases.

The State Survey, which owes its existence to the initiative of the Society, has continued its labors during the year, making good progress and affording satisfactory results

In conclusion the Council again congratulates the Fellows on the very prosperous condition of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM REMSEN,
Chairman of Council.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :

1. The Nominating Committee appointed to select officers to fill vacancies, under resolution of the Society passed at its meeting, December 17 1883, respectfully report the selection of the following nominees for election in accordance with Chapter V., Section 2, of the By-Laws :

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1885.

For Vice-President—Francis A. Stout, Esq., term to expire January, 1887.

For Domestic Corresponding Secretary—James Mühlenberg Bailey, Esq., term to expire January, 1887.

For Treasurer—George Cabot Ward, Esq., term to expire January, 1885.

For Councillors—Messrs. William Remsen, Henry B. Hammond, Harlow M. Hoyt, Clarence King, and Robert Lenox Kennedy, terms to expire January, 1887.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

HENRY W. DUNSHEE,

ALEX. McL. AGNEW,

Nominating Committee.

NEW YORK, January 4, 1884.

On motion, the report was accepted and, a ballot being had, the nominees were unanimously elected.

Judge Daly then introduced to the meeting the Rev. C. C. Tiffany, who delivered a lecture entitled “Norway and the Midnight Sun.”

The lecture, listened to with close attention, was illustrated with stereopticon views.

At the close the thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr. Tiffany, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication in the Bulletin.

On motion the Society adjourned.

Special Meeting, held at Chickering Hall, on the evening of January 24th.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

Judge Daly introduced to the meeting Mr. Edward L. Wilson, who delivered a lecture on his “Exploration of Petra, Arabia.”

Mr. Wilson’s Journey was made in 1882, under great difficulties and at considerable personal risk, and his descriptions were very interesting.

At the close of the lecture the thanks of the Society were voted to the speaker, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of February 18th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Fellows were elected :

Henry F. Shoemaker, Dr. John S. Newberry, Henry Day, H. Macdona, Dr. Samuel H. Orton, Frank Abbott, M.D., Joseph Moore, Jr. (Life), Wm. A. Gellatly, Edmund C. Preiss, Andrew G. Myers, Archibald Baxter, Nathaniel A. Boynton, Henry Bentley (Life), John Claflin (Life).

President Daly then read the following invitation :

COMMANDANT'S OFFICE, NAVY YARD,
NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1884.

Chief-Justice Daly, LL.D., President American Geographical Society :

SIR—The members of the American Geographical Society are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services of the late Lieutenant-Commander George W. de Long, and six (6) of his companions, which will take place at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison Ave. and 42d St., on the day after the reception of the remains, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. UPSHUR,
Commodore U. S. Navy.

President Daly then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Albert G. Browne, Jr., who delivered an interesting address on the "Growing Power of Chile in the Pacific." The lecture was illustrated with views.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Browne and a copy of his paper was requested for publication.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 31st, held at Chickering Hall.

Gen. GEO. W CULLUM, Vice-President, in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Fellows were elected :

George P. Ludlam, J. Montfort Schley, Dr. E. C. Seguin, Alfred Fraser, Edwin W. Coggeshall, Thos. F. Donnelly, John C. Cook, J. P. Dinsmore, George B. Post, Geo. W. Doane, Richard J. Dodge, J. Adler, M.D., F. A. Burrall, Ed. W. Crittenden, Henry Dalley, Jr., Geo. H. Watson (Life).

Prof. T. W. Dwight then introduced President Daly, who read his annual address, devoted on this occasion not to the work of the world in geography, but wholly "To the Recent Developments in Central Africa and the Valley of the Congo."

Judge Daly summarized the explorations in Africa up to the time when the King of the Belgians had called the International Congress together and had really begun the civilization of Central Africa. He gave a brief account of the Portuguese pretensions to the control of the Congo, and pointed out what he conceived to be the duty of the United States Government in the future now opening for Africa.

The thanks of the Society were voted to President Daly, and he was requested to prepare a copy of his paper for publication.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of April 25th, held at Chickering Hall.

Col. T. BAILEY MYERS in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Fellows were elected :

George Place, George De F. Barton, Dr. F. A. Utter, Fletcher H. Bangs.

Mr. Vere A. Elfving, Vice-President of the Geographical Society of Sweden, and American Consul at Stockholm, was elected a Corresponding Member.

The Chairman then introduced Gen. James Grant Wilson, who gave a lecture on the "Memorials and Foot-prints of Columbus," in the course of which he read a recent letter from the Duke of Veragua, a lineal descendant of the great discoverer. In this the duke spoke of the purpose, already announced in Spain, of holding a grand commemorative celebration of the discovery of America in 1892.

Gen. Wilson said that among the features of the American celebration in the same year would be the unveiling in Central Park of a magnificent statue of Columbus, for which many prominent gentlemen had already sent in their subscriptions to him.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and on motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of November 10th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Fellows were elected :

Dr. Herman Kahn, Lt. F. Schwatka, U.S.A., Theodore M. Barnes, Jas. Douglas, Jr., Fermin Ferrer, John F. Purdy.

Judge Daly then introduced Lieut. Shufeldt, U.S.N., who delivered an address on "Madagaskara ; The Land of Sinbad the Sailor."

The lecture was illustrated by views from photographs taken by Lieut. Shufeldt.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed and, on motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting (Special) of November 21st, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

The following Fellows were elected :

John H. Beach, G. T. Bonner, Henry T. Cary, James M. Drake.

Judge Daly said the meeting had been called to do honor to Lieut. Greely and his surviving companions, Sergeant Long and Private Connell, who were present on the platform. He spoke briefly of Arctic explorations and the great scientific value of expeditions like the one conducted by Lieut. Greely. He then introduced Secretary Hall, who pointed out on the map the routes followed by the explorers, who preceded Greely. The President then introduced Lieut. Greely, who was received with great applause, and proceeded to give a simple and direct account of the adventures and hardships of the expedition. He spoke with great emotion of the conduct of his men, two of whom were with him, while the other three, Brainerd, Fredericks, and Beiderleck, were

still too weak to be abroad. He paid a tribute to Lieut. Lockwood, who had reached the highest latitude ever attained by civilized man.

At the conclusion of his address Vice-President Hitchcock spoke of the great moral as well as scientific value of Arctic explorations, which were worth, he said, ten times over all that they had cost in sacrifice and suffering and material loss by the additions they had made to the record of human courage and heroism and unselfishness.

Prof. Dwight, of Columbia College, then read a brief paper on the same subject, and Gen. Viele offered a resolution expressive of the Society's admiration of Lieut. Greely and his party.

This was passed by acclamation, and the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of December 12th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following Fellows were elected :

Dr. Samuel Plush, David H. Bates, James Stokes, A. M. Cameron, Geo. F. Cummings, Wm. Brookfield, W. E. Connor, Joseph Thoron, A. C. Zabriskie (Life), Wm. H. S. Wood, Rob't. H. Shannon, E. D. Bassett.

Judge Daly then introduced Lieut. Schwatka, U.S.A., who gave an interesting lecture on "Alaska, and Exploration along the Yukon River," with an account of his raft-journey, the longest ever made. The lecturer thought that the value of Alaska had always been underestimated, and he believed that its resources were very great.

The lecture was illustrated by a number of views of the remarkable scenery along the river.

After the lecture the following gentlemen were, on motion duly seconded, chosen a Committee on Nominations to report the names of Candidates to fill vacancies, at the annual meeting in January : Henry W. Dunshee, *Chairman*, John McMullen, John D. Jones.

On motion, the Society adjourned.